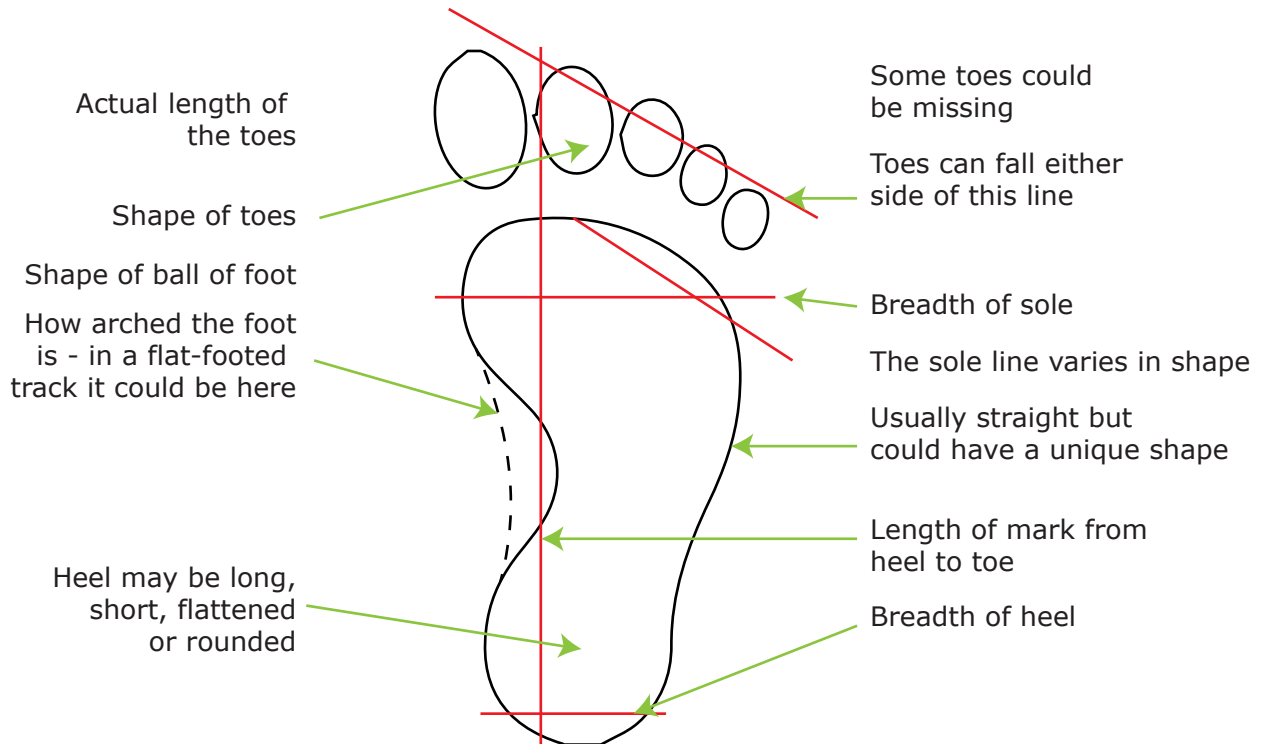


HUMAN FOOTPRINTS



Most trackers use some type of stick to measure stride and footprint length. An adjustable, telescoping trekking pole is a great multi-use tool for this purpose. You'll also want to have some tape or rubber bands to wrap around the tracking stick to indicate your measurements.

Additional mantracking tools to have at your disposal are:

1. a measuring tape (ie. a flexible one like tailors use) to measure the actual length of the print, the width and length of the heel and the toe
2. flagging tape to mark and protect the track so others don't step on it and to make it easily seen by other field teams that might come along later
3. a Sharpie pen to write on that flagging tape (ie. the date, your team's initials, your unit number or name, etc.)
4. a GPS and map to mark the coordinates of tracks or clues
5. a notepad and pencil to make a drawing of the print and take additional notes
6. a small mirror (which can double as a signal mirror) to redirect natural light across sign when the sun is high
7. and, of course, artificial light for tracking at night